

Czechoslovakia

SECURITY INFORMATION

TOPIC Ceske Budejovice Airfield

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EVALUATION

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PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE PREPARED

26 October 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. The airfield southwest of Ceske Budejovice (O 49/Q 96) was located west of Plana (O 49/Q 96) and north of Homole (O 49/Q 85) and was about 2 km long measured from east to west and 1,400 meters long measured from north to south. The airfield was surrounded by meadows and fields, and the terrain rose slightly to the northeast. There was a coniferous forest north of the installation, which was partly surrounded by a wooden fence. The field had no railroad connection. Source repeatedly saw fuel drums shipped to the field by wagon. No construction work was observed in 1953.2

2. Prior to 1950, conventional aircraft including Spitfire fighters were observed at the field. Since 1952, the installation had been occupied by about eight swept-back jet fighters, which daily practiced flying over Ceske Budejovice. Usually three aircraft flew in formation at an altitude of about 800 meters; in fair weather, they also flew at high altitudes with their vapor trails showing.

1. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment: Previous information indicates that the length of the runway at Ceske Budejovice Airfield was underrated by source of the present report. It is believed that the runway actually is 2,000 to 2,750 meters long.

[redacted] Comment: Other reports have indicated that construction work is continuing at this field.

3. [redacted] Comment: According to available information, the field is occupied by a Czech fighter division and two fighter regiments. The eight MiG-15s observed by source of the present report may have been the entire aircraft equipment of the two fighter regiments which are in process of activation. However, the possibility exists that an undetermined number of MiG-15s could have been housed in hangars.

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